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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 14, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for the response. Attached herewith is a Declaration by Audrey Goddard, Ph.D. and an Information Disclosure Statement. Entry and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.